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Ahlstrom

Financial Report
January-March 2025

RECORD FIRST QUARTER - ANNOUNCING SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC ACQUISITION

HIGHLIGHTS

- Record strong first quarter comparable EBITDA, driven by disciplined execution of the transformation levers, including pricing, procurement, operational excellence, and an improved product mix.
- Operating cash flow remained solid, supported by improved profitability including lower items affecting comparability (IAC). Capital expenditures at sustainably lower level.
- Customer activity increased, with higher deliveries compared to the fourth quarter, with most businesses on par with the solid levels achieved in the first quarter of 2024.
- Strategic strengthening of the company through the planned acquisition of Stevens Point operation, a US based, high-end solutions provider in food, consumer packaging and e-commerce applications. Transaction closing expected during Q2 2025.
- Formation of the Performance Materials cluster to sharpen resource allocation, accelerate performance and increase focus on specialty materials.

Q1/2025 compared with Q1/2024

- Net sales amounted to EUR 739.4 million (735.4). Adjusted for the divested Aspa pulp mill, net sales increased by 5% due to an improved product mix and higher selling prices.
- Comparable EBITDA increased to EUR 107.6 million (98.1), representing 14.6% (13.3) of net sales, supported by a higher margin on variable costs per ton.
- EBITDA increased to EUR 99.3 million (83.6) supported by lower items affecting comparability of EUR -8.3 million (-14.6).
- Operating result was EUR 54.3 million (38.3).
- Net result was EUR 7.8 million (-8.4) including net financial items of EUR -41.6 million (-41.8) and taxes of EUR -5.2 million (-3.7).

Adjusted last twelve months¹

- Adjusted EBITDA for the last twelve months increased to EUR 528.5 million (EUR 513.9 million at December 31, 2024).
- Adjusted net indebtedness was EUR 1,834.6 million (EUR 1,868.7 million at December 31, 2024), translating into a adjusted net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 3.5 (3.6 at December 31, 2024).

Q1/2025

COMPARABLE EBITDA
MEUR 107.6 WITH
MARGIN OF
14.6%

SOLID OPERATING
CASH FLOW

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
STEVENS POINT
ACQUISITION &
FORMATION OF
PERFORMANCE
MATERIALS CLUSTER

¹ For more information on adjusted EBITDA see page 7 and 27.

KEY FIGURES

Key figures	Q1	Q1	Q4	Q1-Q4
EUR million, or as indicated	2025	2024	2024	2024
Net sales	739.4	735.4	707.4	2,965.4
Comparable EBITDA	107.6	98.1	108.5	451.2
Comparable EBITDA margin, %	14.6	13.3	15.3	15.2
EBITDA	99.3	83.6	72.1	331.0
Margin on variable costs (MOVC) per ton, EUR	1,126.7	902.7	1,079.1	986.7
MOVC margin, %	42.5	40.2	42.1	41.5
Operating working capital	319.6	301.5	283.8	283.8
Capital expenditure	35.6	39.5	60.4	161.9
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,889.0	1,871.3	1,907.2	1,907.2
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness	1,646.8	1,629.1	1,665.0	1,665.0
Net indebtedness	2,076.8	2,045.0	2,110.9	2,110.9
Adjusted Net indebtedness	1,834.6	1,802.8	1,868.7	1,868.7
Ratio of adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Ratio of adjusted Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6

Key figures	Q1	Q4
EUR million, or as indicated	2025	2024
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	528.5	513.9
Adjusted EBITDA margin (LTM), %	17.8	17.3
Interest expenses (LTM)	-151.6	-154.4

Ahlstrom has adopted the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) guidelines on Alternative Performance Measures (APMs) to reflect the underlying business performance and improve comparability. These measures should, however, not be considered as a substitute for measures of performance in accordance with IFRS. Alternative performance measures are derived from performance measures reported in accordance with IFRS by adding or deducting items affecting comparability (IAC) and they are called "comparable" or adding adjustments and they are called "adjusted". More details on APMs and key figures are available in the appendix 2. Reported, IFRS based numbers are available in appendix 1.

CEO COMMENTS

In a volatile and uncertain market, we have achieved a record-high comparable EBITDA for the first quarter of 2025. This is driven by the ongoing disciplined execution of our strategy. We once again reached a new high for margin on variable cost per ton, thanks to our focus on pricing, variable cost efficiency, operational excellence, and an improved product mix. Additionally, our operating cash flow remained solid. Customer activity increased, and most businesses matched the solid levels achieved in the first quarter of 2024. I am particularly proud that our customer net loyalty score, already in the highest decile in our industry, improved in each of our businesses. This reflects the strength of the partnerships we have with our customers.

DISCIPLINED EXECUTION OF STRATEGY

We took significant steps to strengthen our business portfolio for the future. We recently announced the execution of a binding agreement to acquire Stevens Point, a high-end solutions provider in food, consumer packaging, and e-commerce applications. The acquisition brings Ahlstrom world-class assets, premium products, long-standing customer relationships, and an experienced team. These unique and complementary capabilities further enhance Ahlstrom's ability to serve its customers in the Food and Consumer Packaging segments.

We also created a dedicated Performance Materials cluster that brings together the Release Liners, Precision Coating, Beverage & Casing, and Abrasives business units. This reorganization enables accelerated operational excellence and sharper resource allocation. Our existing divisions—Food & Consumer Packaging, Filtration & Life Sciences, and Protective Materials—will benefit from a greater focus on growth in specialty materials and are all high-margin businesses.

These strategic steps, combined with our active portfolio management over the past years, have repositioned Ahlstrom as the preferred sustainable specialty materials company.

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT AND LOCAL PRESENCE

Underpinning our strong performance is our global footprint, with local-for-local manufacturing and supply. Ahlstrom's worldwide network of 35 production facilities provides flexibility and delivery reliability for our customers, whether they are based in North America, South America, Asia, or Europe. This competitive capability is particularly valuable in today's market conditions and limits the direct impact of trade conflicts.

LOOKING AHEAD

I am proud of what we have achieved so far in 2025. Furthermore, I am confident that Ahlstrom is well-positioned to continue its growth journey and support the sustainability transition of the industries we serve. I want to thank our employees, customers and partners for their ongoing support and collaboration as we continue to work together to create a more sustainable world.



Helen Mets, President & CEO:
"In a volatile and uncertain market we have achieved a record-high comparable EBITDA for the first quarter of 2025."

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Net sales by division	Q1	Q1	Q4	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2025	2024	2024	2024
Food & Consumer Packaging	299.9	301.8	290.0	1,223.7
Filtration & Life Sciences	199.9	185.7	185.1	749.9
Protective Materials	255.1	230.3	238.3	957.8
Other and eliminations	-15.5	17.6	-6.0	33.9
Total	739.4	735.4	707.4	2,965.4

Comparable EBITDA by division	Q1	Q1	Q4	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2025	2024	2024	2024
Food & Consumer Packaging	32.8	32.3	30.0	140.9
Filtration & Life Sciences	43.2	42.1	38.9	175.9
Protective Materials	35.5	30.0	34.6	132.8
Other and eliminations	-3.9	-6.3	5.0	1.7
Total	107.6	98.1	108.5	451.2

Comparable EBITDA margin by division	Q1	Q1	Q4	Q1-Q4
%	2025	2024	2024	2024
Food & Consumer Packaging	10.9	10.7	10.3	11.5
Filtration & Life Sciences	21.6	22.7	21.0	23.5
Protective Materials	13.9	13.0	14.5	13.9
Total	14.6	13.3	15.3	15.2

FINANCIAL RESULT JANUARY-MARCH 2025

Comparison with January–March 2024

Net sales amounted to EUR 739.4 million, compared to 735.4 in the previous period. Adjusted for the divested Aspa pulp mill, net sales increased by 5% due to an improved product mix and higher selling prices.

Comparable EBITDA increased to EUR 107.6 million (98.1), representing 14.6% of net sales (13.3). This improvement was supported by a record strong margin on variable costs per ton. Variable cost efficiency, operational excellence, and an improved mix, all driven by the transformation, contributed to the higher margin on variable costs per ton.

EBITDA increased to EUR 99.3 million (83.6) as items affecting comparability (IACs) and owners management fee in EBITDA, totaling EUR -8.3 million (-14.6), decreased substantially. The comparison period included losses from financial hedges incurred as a result of the exceptional natural gas market situation in Europe.

Operating result was EUR 54.3 million (38.3). Depreciation, amortization and impairment amounted to EUR -45.1 million (-45.3), including depreciation and amortization arising from PPA of EUR -15.6 million (-15.7).

Net financial items were EUR -41.6 million (-41.8). This figure includes net interest expenses of EUR -35.9 million (-39.8), a currency exchange impact of EUR 0.8 million (0.1), and other financial items of EUR -6.4 million (-2.1). Other financial items include fair value changes of interest rate hedges.

The result before taxes was EUR 13.1 million (-4.6). Taxes amounted to EUR -5.2 million (-3.7). The net result was EUR 7.8 million (-8.4).

Comparison with October–December 2024

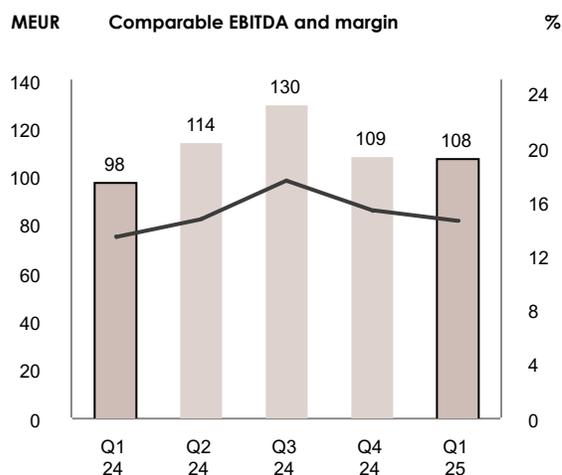
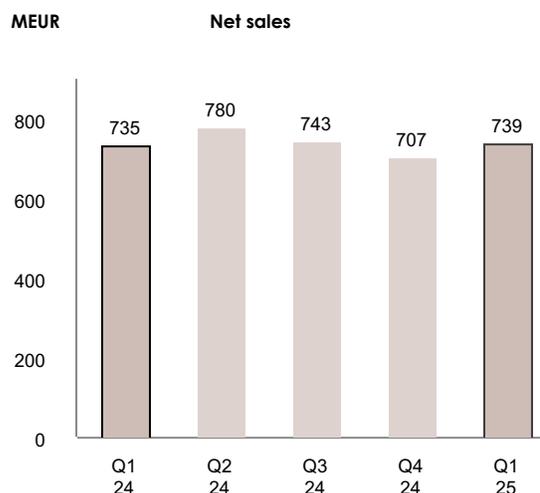
Net sales amounted to EUR 739.4 million (707.4). Adjusted for the divested Aspa pulp mill, net sales increased by 6% due to higher volumes.

Comparable EBITDA was EUR 107.6 million (108.5), representing 14.6% of net sales (15.3). The positive impact of higher volumes was largely offset by different phasing of expenses and income.

Adjusted EBITDA LTM

Adjusted EBITDA increased to EUR 528.5 million for the last twelve months (LTM) ending March 31, 2025 (EUR 513.9 million LTM ending December 31,

2024). During the period, implemented initiatives have been realized in the results, while the work to identify and specify new opportunities has continued according to plan.



Reconciliation of EBITDA and comparable EBITDA	Q1	Q1	Q4	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2025	2024	2024	2024
Operating result	54.3	38.3	-25.1	86.1
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	-45.1	-45.3	-97.1	-244.8
EBITDA	99.3	83.6	72.1	331.0
Transaction costs	-0.1	-0.5	-4.3	-5.5
Transformation costs	-2.4	-2.3	-2.1	-10.1
Restructuring costs ¹	-2.2	-1.6	-15.2	-54.9
Other ²	-2.1	-8.6	-13.2	-43.2
Total items affecting comparability (IAC) in EBITDA	-6.8	-13.0	-34.9	-113.8
Management fee to owners ³	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-6.4
Total IAC in EBITDA and management fee	-8.3	-14.6	-36.4	-120.2
Comparable EBITDA	107.6	98.1	108.5	451.2

¹ 2024 includes restructuring costs totaling EUR 35.8 million related to the closure of the Bousbecque plant.

² 2024 includes mainly losses from financial hedges incurred as a result of the exceptional natural gas market situation in Europe in the second half of 2022.

³ Management fee paid to the consortium pursuant to a management agreement whereby Group has received general business consulting services; financial, managerial and operational advice, advisory and consulting services with respect to selection of advisors; advice in different fields; and financial and strategic planning and analysis.

Reconciliation of Comparable EBITDA (LTM) to adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	Q1	Q4
EUR million	2025	2024
Comparable EBITDA (LTM)	460.7	451.2
2024 initiatives ¹	5.6	12.5
2025 initiatives ²	53.5	50.2
2026 initiatives ³	8.8	—
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	528.5	513.9

Adjusted EBITDA is not identified as an accounting measurement in IFRS and should therefore not be considered as alternative to the disclosures provided in the financial statement for the purpose of assessing the Group's performance. Adjusted EBITDA is based on various assumptions, including successful implementation of certain initiatives and Sponsor estimates. It should not be considered as a substitute for revenue or net result for the period or any other performance or liquidity measures derived in accordance with IFRS or any other generally accepted accounting principles.

¹ These initiatives have been implemented over the course of 2024. The amount of estimated savings from 2024 initiatives not yet included in LTM EBITDA is EUR 5.6 million. The full run rate benefit is expected to be achieved 12 months from the date of implementation. Savings include Indirect Spend (EUR 3.3 million), relating mainly to service cost optimization and freight, Chemicals (EUR 1.0 million), Fibers (EUR 0.9 million), as well as Continuous Improvement actions (EUR 0.2 million) and additional savings related to Energy and Wood (both at EUR 0.1 million).

² Consists of initiatives that have been or will be implemented over the course of 2025. The amount of savings from 2025 initiatives is estimated to EUR 53.5 million and are expected to be achieved 12 months from the date of implementation. Savings include Fibers (EUR 29.4 million), Indirect Spend (EUR 10.2 million), relating mainly to production cost optimization and freight, Energy (EUR 5.3 million) relating to energy optimization and consumption, Chemicals (EUR 5.1 million), as well as Continuous Improvement projects (EUR 3.5 million) linked to various initiatives driving improved performance.

³ Consists of initiatives to be implemented with EBITDA benefit not planned until 2026. The amount of savings from those initiatives is estimated to EUR 8.8 million. Savings include Improvement projects (EUR 3.7 million) linked to various initiatives driving improved performance, Indirect Spend (EUR 2.6 million), relating mainly to freight and service cost optimization, Fibers (EUR 1.1 million), Chemicals (EUR 1.0 million), as well as Energy (EUR 0.3 million) relating to energy optimization and consumption.

CASH FLOW AND FINANCING JANUARY-MARCH 2025

Cash flow and capital expenditure compared to January–March 2024

In January–March 2025 net cash from operating activities decreased to EUR 41.3 million (77.6). The positive contribution from improved results was more than offset by an increase in working capital, primarily due to a reduction in payables.

Capital expenditure totaled EUR -35.6 million (-39.5), including projects related to the ongoing transformation targeting improved performance and preparations for growth.

Free cash flow was EUR 90.2 million (74.2), calculated as comparable EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure, and cash conversion was 83.8% (75.6%), calculated as free cash flow divided by comparable EBITDA.

Financing and indebtedness, January–March 2025

During the reporting period the principal sources of liquidity were cash flow from operating activities, financing of receivables through factoring and similar financing arrangements, and a Finnish Commercial Paper Program.

Cash flow from financing activities was EUR -24.9 million (16.0 in January–March 2024), including a cash distribution by way of return of equity amounting to EUR 8.9 million. At the end of the review period, the total cash position was EUR 210.7 million (221.8 on December 31, 2024).

On March 31, 2025, total equity was EUR 585.5 million (563.3 on December 31, 2024).

At the end of the reporting period, adjusted net indebtedness was EUR 1,834.6 million (1,868.7 on December 31, 2024), translating into a adjusted net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 3.5 (3.6 on December 31, 2024).

ACQUISITION OF AHLSTROM-MUNKSJÖ

ACQUISITION OF AHLSTROM OYJ IN 2021 AND SUBSEQUENT REDEMPTION PROCEDURE

On April 15, 2024, the Supreme Court announced that it has granted a leave to appeal for the minority shareholders. The Supreme Court will address the assessment of the redemption price of Ahlstrom Oyj's minority shares. As the trustee has been granted leave to appeal, a decision regarding the redemption price will not become final and non-appealable for any of the minority shareholders until the Supreme Court renders a final decision in the matter. It is estimated that the appeal proceedings may last at least until the first half of 2025. According to the Companies Act, the redemption price falls due after a month has passed from the decision on redemption becoming non-appealable.

The unpaid redemption price is subject to interest in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 7 of the Finnish Companies Act. The reference rate referred to therein (at 3.5% as of January 1, 2025) is subject to biannual adjustments, with the next adjustment due on July 1, 2025. However, the redemption price may be paid up to the undisputed price of EUR 17.84 per share already during the course of the appeal proceedings. EUR 242.2 million is held in a separate escrow account which is sufficient to cover the minority squeeze-out liability based on the redemption price ordered by the District Court. The escrow account holdings are not included in the reported cash and cash equivalents.

PERSONNEL

At the end of the reporting period, the Group employed 6,871 (6,977) people in full-time equivalents. Countries with the highest number of employees include the United States (38%), France (19%), Sweden (8%), Italy (9%), Brazil (5%) and China (5%).

EVENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

LAWSUIT AGAINST AHLSTROM

On August 9, 2023, a putative class action lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin against Ahlstrom Rhinelander LLC, among others, concerning alleged contamination of private well drinking water in Oneida County in the U.S. An amended complaint was filed on February 8, 2024, and on April 15, 2025, a fourth amended complaint was filed that names another defendant. On January 6, 2025, the City of Wausau, Wisconsin filed a separate complaint against multiple defendants, including Ahlstrom NA Specialty Solutions LLC, alleging contamination of the City of Wausau's water supply. The City of Wausau alleges that a closed landfill owned by Ahlstrom NA Specialty Solutions LLC in the Village of Maine, Wisconsin is a source of contamination. The lawsuits are still in their early stages.

RETURN OF EQUITY

On January 22, 2025, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distribution in the aggregate amount of EUR 8,851,300.92 by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. Payment was made on February 3, 2025

LEADERSHIP SCORE A- IN CDP CLIMATE DISCLOSURE

On February 11, 2025, Ahlstrom announced it has been recognized for its commitment to climate action, earning a Leadership score of A- in the 2024 CDP Climate disclosure. This achievement highlights Ahlstrom's efforts to reduce climate impact across the value chain while reinforcing its dedication to transparency and action in tackling climate change.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On March 26, 2025, it was resolved in a sole shareholder meeting to adopt the Financial Statements for the year 2024 and to grant the members of the Board of Directors discharge from the financial year 2024. It was resolved also to authorize the Board of Directors to decide on the distribution of funds in one or several tranches from the company's invested unrestricted equity fund up to an aggregate maximum of EUR 35.0 million. The authorization is in force until the beginning of the company's Annual General Meeting 2026.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH ACQUISITION AND REPOSITIONING OF PERFORMANCE MATERIALS CLUSTER

On April 3, 2025, it was announced that a binding agreement had been signed to acquire Stevens Point, a high-end solutions provider in food, consumer packaging, and e-commerce applications, from Pixelle Specialty Solutions. Concurrently it was announced that Ahlstrom will create a dedicated Performance Materials cluster to sharpen its strategic focus and optimize growth opportunities.

Planned acquisition of Stevens Point

The planned acquisition of this best-in-class business encompasses premium-quality products, long-standing customer relationships, and the extensive experience and expertise of its 260 employees. Located in Wisconsin, U.S., the business brings unique capabilities that will support customers' transition to sustainable packaging and strengthen Ahlstrom's leadership and footprint in the Food & Consumer Packaging segment. The planned acquisition is highly complementary to Ahlstrom's existing product portfolio. Stevens Point's superior technical expertise, including state-of-the-art finishing and coating capabilities, will significantly enhance the company's ability to meet the growing needs of its customers. This acquisition marks a significant milestone in Ahlstrom's growth transformation. Net sales of the acquired business amounted to approximately EUR 319 million in 2024.

The transaction will be financed through a committed USD 600 million senior secured financing package, with any excess available for general corporate purposes. Pro forma for the transaction, the ratio of adjusted Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA is expected to be 4.1x based on FY 2024 combined financials.

Completion of the transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions, with closing expected in Q2 2025.

New Performance Materials cluster

The new Performance Materials cluster will consist of four business units: Release Liners, Precision Coating, Beverage & Casing, and Abrasives. This structure will enable the cluster to operate with greater flexibility and a clearer focus on distinct opportunities to accelerate performance, improve efficiency, and enhance competitiveness. Additionally, this change will benefit the existing three divisions: Food & Consumer Packaging, Filtration & Life Sciences, and Protective Materials. By creating a more streamlined structure, these divisions will be able to increase their focus and concentrate on their growth in specialty materials. The changes in organization are effective from May 1, 2025. The interim report for the second quarter 2025 will be prepared in accordance with the new structure.

SHORT-TERM RISKS

Ahlstrom manages a broad portfolio of businesses and serves a wide range of end uses globally, supported by regional production, making it unlikely to be significantly affected at the Group level by individual business factors. However, slower global economic growth and uncertain financial market conditions could have an adverse effect on the operations, financial results, and financial position.

Ahlstrom's significant risks and uncertainties are primarily related to the development of demand and prices for its products, as well as the cost, volatility, and availability of key raw materials and energy. Recently, geopolitical tensions and the risk of global fragmentation have further increased, which could impact the company's supply chains and customer activity.

The sustainability criteria are developing rapidly as the effects of climate change increase. For the industry, both the impact of climate change and green transition mean new business conditions, but also new business opportunities because some of the environmental challenges can be met with the company's products. Climate change related physical and transition risks include, but are not limited to, unforeseen expenses related to compliance with emerging environmental and other government regulations, adaptation and product development expenditures, as well as production disruptions and restrictions.

The Group's key financial risks include interest rate and currency, liquidity and credit risks. To mitigate short-term risks, methods such as hedging and credit insurance are used. There are no major refinancing needs short-term.

The Group is exposed to tax risks due to potential changes in tax laws and regulations or their application, or as a result of on-going or future tax audits or claims.

The company regularly assesses the best structure for its portfolio of businesses and systematically evaluates M&A opportunities. In potential business combinations, substantial integration work is needed to realize expected synergies. Ongoing transformation initiatives pose risks that are mitigated by a dedicated transformation office of cross-functional and operational capabilities.

Ahlstrom has operations in many countries, and sometimes disputes cannot be avoided in daily operations. The company is sometimes involved in legal actions, disputes, claims for damages and other procedures. The result of these cannot be predicted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT AHLSTROM

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COMBINED AUDIOCAST AND TELECONFERENCE

A combined audiocast and teleconference will be held on April 28, 15:00 EEST (14:00 CEST).

Questions to the management can be asked either via the chat box in the audiocast or in person by phone in the conference call.

Audiocast registration link:

<https://ahlstrom.videosync.fi/q1-2025>

Teleconference registration link:

<https://player.videosync.fi/ahlstrom/q1-2025/dial-in>

By joining audiocast or teleconference, the participant agrees that personal information such as name and company name will be collected. The event will be recorded.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains and refers to certain forward-looking statements with respect to our financial condition, results of operations and business. Forward-looking statements are statements of future expectations that are based on management's current expectations and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these statements. Forward-looking statements include, among others, statements concerning the potential exposure to market risks and statements expressing management's expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions. All statements other than statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements.

This report contains forward-looking statements, including statements about market consolidation and our strategy, investment program, future operations, industry forecasts, expected acquisitions, transactions and investments, and target levels of leverage and indebtedness. Forward-looking statements provide our current expectations, intentions or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not statements of historical fact. Words or phrases such as "aim," "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "guidance," "intend," "may," "objectives," "ongoing," "outlook," "plan," "potential," "predict," "probably," "project," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would" or similar words or phrases or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

All of these forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions made by such entities that, although believed to be reasonable, are inherently uncertain. Therefore, undue reliance should not be placed upon any forward-looking statements. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. In addition, even if our actual results are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this report, those results or developments may not be indicative of results or developments in subsequent periods. For example, factors that could cause our actual results to vary from projected future results include, but are not limited to: uncertain global economic and financial market conditions; changes in demand for our products, including as a result of the cyclical nature of the industry in which we operate; the highly competitive markets in which we operate; changes in the costs or availability of raw materials and energy; trade restrictions and economic sanctions; political, financial or legal risks in the markets in which we operate; our ability to successfully implement our business strategy and to manage our growth; product development and innovation; the significant capital expenditures required by our business; any reorganization of our operations or divestment of businesses; risks arising out of joint ventures and other partnerships; operational risks and failures or deficiencies in the management of operational efficiency; loss of customer relationships and customer concentration; compliance with environmental health and safety and other laws and regulations; product safety or quality failures and additional factors which are explained in other reports and or documents prepared by the Group.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Other sections of this report describe additional factors that could adversely affect our financial position, results of operations and liquidity and developments in the markets and industries in which we operate. New factors will emerge in the future, and it is not possible for the Group to predict such factors. In addition, the Group cannot assess the impact of each factor on its business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those described in any forward-looking statements. In light of these risks, the actual results of the Group could differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this report. None of the information contained on the Group's website is incorporated by reference into or otherwise deemed to be linked to this report.

You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements referred to in this section and contained elsewhere in this report. In light of these risks, our results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this report.

APPENDIX 1: CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This interim report presents the condensed consolidated interim results, financial position and cash flows of Ahlstrom for January-March 2025 ('interim report').

These interim financial statements are unaudited.

INCOME STATEMENT		Q1	Q1	Q1-Q4
EUR million	Note	2025	2024	2024
Net sales	5, 6	739.4	735.4	2,965.4
Cost of goods sold		-608.3	-621.2	-2,514.7
Gross profit		131.1	114.2	450.6
Sales, R&D and administrative expenses		-64.9	-66.8	-280.8
Other operating income		4.2	7.3	44.3
Other operating expense	7	-16.1	-16.4	-128.0
Operating result		54.3	38.3	86.1
Net financial items		-41.6	-41.8	-183.5
Share of result in equity-accounted investees		0.4	-1.0	-9.4
Result before taxes		13.1	-4.6	-106.8
Income taxes		-5.2	-3.7	-15.8
Net result		7.8	-8.4	-122.6

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Net result	7.8	-8.4	-122.6
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified to income statement			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-1.0	5.0	12.0
Translation differences reclassified to income statement	—	—	0.6
Hedges of net investments in foreign operations	21.6	-11.4	-32.9
Change in cash flow hedge reserve	-3.4	2.7	-8.1
Cash flow hedge transferred to income statement	8.3	-0.8	34.1
Equity-accounted investees - share of OCI	0.2	0.0	-2.2
Income taxes to items that may be reclassified	-0.9	-1.1	-7.8
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement			
Remeasurement gains and losses on defined benefit plans	1.0	0.6	-0.2
Equity-accounted investees - share of OCI	0.1	0.0	0.3
Income taxes to items that will not be reclassified	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Other comprehensive income	25.5	-5.2	-4.2
Comprehensive income	33.3	-13.5	-126.8
Net result attributable to			
Parent company's shareholders	7.4	-8.9	-124.3
Non-controlling interests	0.4	0.6	1.7
Comprehensive income attributable to			
Parent company's shareholders	33.3	-14.1	-128.9
Non-controlling interests	0.0	0.6	2.1

BALANCE SHEET		Mar 31,	Mar 31,	Dec 31,
EUR million	Note	2025	2024	2024
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,091.6	1,144.5	1,115.0
Right-of-use assets		32.3	35.5	34.6
Goodwill	9	1,051.0	1,073.1	1,050.6
Intangible assets	8	778.5	787.4	789.2
Equity-accounted investees		16.9	23.9	18.6
Other non-current assets		45.3	73.0	45.5
Deferred tax assets		1.8	2.7	3.1
Total non-current assets		3,017.4	3,140.2	3,056.6
Current assets				
Inventories		363.0	356.5	366.7
Trade and other receivables		519.0	510.4	514.3
Income tax receivables		7.4	11.2	11.9
Cash and cash equivalents	10	210.7	223.0	221.8
Total current assets		1,100.0	1,101.1	1,114.6
TOTAL ASSETS		4,117.4	4,241.3	4,171.2
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Equity attributable to parent company's shareholders		574.3	692.1	552.2
Non-controlling interests		11.1	10.6	11.1
Total equity		585.5	702.8	563.3
Non-current liabilities				
Non-current borrowings	10	2,094.8	2,089.5	2,124.0
Non-current lease liabilities	10	21.0	22.7	22.7
Other non-current liabilities		8.6	14.1	9.4
Employee benefit obligations		43.0	53.6	42.7
Deferred tax liabilities		202.2	218.2	212.4
Non-current provisions	11	35.2	29.7	36.8
Total non-current liabilities		2,404.8	2,427.7	2,448.0
Current liabilities				
Current borrowings	10	159.4	142.5	173.1
Current lease liabilities	10	12.3	13.3	12.9
Trade and other payables		910.5	936.9	930.7
Income tax liabilities		14.9	10.2	9.7
Current provisions	11	30.0	7.9	33.3
Total current liabilities		1,127.1	1,110.8	1,159.8
Total liabilities		3,531.9	3,538.5	3,607.9
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		4,117.4	4,241.3	4,171.2

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY								
EUR million	Note	Reserve for invested unrestricted equity	Other reserves	Cumulative translation adjustment	Retained earnings	Total equity attributable to parent company's shareholders	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Equity at December 31, 2024 as reported		982.5	-71.9	22.2	-380.7	552.2	11.1	563.3
Adjustment to opening balances	3	—	—	—	-2.3	-2.3	—	-2.3
Equity at January 1, 2025		982.5	-71.9	22.2	-383.0	549.9	11.1	561.0
Net result		—	—	—	7.4	7.4	0.4	7.8
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		—	25.6	-0.5	0.8	25.9	-0.4	25.5
Total comprehensive income		—	25.6	-0.5	8.2	33.3	0.0	33.3
Return of equity and dividends	13	-8.9	—	—	—	-8.9	—	-8.9
Equity at March 31, 2025		973.7	-46.3	21.8	-374.8	574.3	11.1	585.5
Equity at January 1, 2024		1,016.1	-57.2	12.2	-256.4	714.6	10.0	724.6
Net result		—	—	—	-8.9	-8.9	0.6	-8.4
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		—	-10.6	4.9	0.5	-5.2	0.0	-5.2
Total comprehensive income		—	-10.6	4.9	-8.5	-14.1	0.6	-13.5
Return of equity and dividends	13	-8.4	—	—	—	-8.4	—	-8.4
Equity at March 31, 2024		1,007.7	-67.8	17.1	-264.9	692.1	10.6	702.8

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		Q1	Q1	Q1-Q4
EUR million	Note	2025	2024	2024
Cash flow from operating activities				
Net result		7.8	-8.4	-122.6
Adjustments				
Depreciation, amortization and impairment		45.1	45.3	244.8
Interest and other financial income and expense		41.6	41.8	183.5
Other adjustments		4.8	4.9	18.2
Total adjustments		91.5	92.0	446.6
Changes in net working capital		-21.4	27.3	45.7
Change in provisions	11	-5.0	0.2	33.8
Interest paid		-28.0	-30.4	-147.1
Other financial items, net		0.2	-1.1	-0.5
Income taxes paid		-3.8	-2.1	-29.0
Net cash from operating activities		41.3	77.6	227.0
Cash flow from investing activities				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	8	-35.6	-39.5	-161.9
Payments for acquisition of businesses and subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	4	—	-16.3	-42.4
Proceeds from disposal of shares in Group companies and businesses, net of cash disposed	4	—	—	23.1
Other investing activities		0.0	0.0	-4.9
Net cash from investing activities		-35.5	-55.8	-186.3
Cash flow from financing activities				
Return of equity		-8.9	-8.4	-33.5
Repayments of non-current borrowings	10	-1.3	-1.2	-4.8
Change in current borrowings	10	-11.1	29.9	57.6
Payments of lease liabilities	10	-3.8	-4.3	-16.0
Dividends paid		—	—	-1.0
Net cash from financing activities		-24.9	16.0	2.3
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		-19.1	37.9	43.0
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		221.8	185.3	185.3
Foreign exchange effect on cash and cash equivalents		8.0	-0.2	-6.5
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	10	210.7	223.0	221.8

1. General information

Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy is the parent company ("parent company") of the Ahlstrom Group ("Ahlstrom", "Group", "company"). Ahlstrom is a global leader in fiber-based materials, supplying innovative and sustainable solutions worldwide. Ahlstrom's offerings include filter materials, release liners, food and beverage processing materials, abrasive and tape backings, electrotechnical paper, glass fiber materials, medical fiber materials and solutions for diagnostics as well as a range of specialty papers for industrial and consumer end-uses.

2. Form and content of interim financial statements (Basis of presentation)

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements ("interim report") January-March 2025, approved by the Board of Directors of Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy, have been prepared solely for the purpose of reporting to the parent company's bondholders. The condensed consolidated interim results, financial position and cash flows of Ahlstrom for January-March 2025, January-March 2024 and for the year 2024 presented herein have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as adopted by the EU. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting", as adopted by the EU and should be read together with Ahlstrom's consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2024.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements are presented in millions of euros and consist of the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, and the explanatory notes. Events after the reporting period are presented on page 9. All figures in the interim report have been rounded and consequently the total of individual figures can deviate from the presented totals. Furthermore, all percentages are subject to possible rounding differences.

3. Accounting principles

The accounting principles applied are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Ahlstrom's consolidated financial statements for the year 2024.

An adjustment of the share of the profit for the equity-accounted investees has been recorded to the opening balances for the year 2025. The impact of the adjustment to the balance sheet has been presented in table below:

EUR million	As reported on	Jan 1, 2025	
	Dec 31, 2024	Adjustments	As adjusted
Equity-accounted investees	18.6	-2.3	16.3
Others	4,152.6	—	4,152.6
Total assets	4,171.2	-2.3	4,168.9
Retained earnings	-380.7	-2.3	-383.0
Others	944.0	—	944.0
Total equity	563.3	-2.3	561.0
Total liabilities	3,607.9	—	3,607.9
Total equity and liabilities	4,171.2	-2.3	4,168.9

4. Business acquisitions and disposals

2024

Acquisition of Algonquin Power Windsor Locks LLC

During the first quarter of 2024, Ahlstrom acquired a power plant adjacent to its Windsor Locks plant in the U.S. The total cash flow impact of the transaction was EUR -15.3 million of which EUR -16.3 million realized in the first quarter and a positive impact of EUR 1.1 million in the third quarter based on an adjustment made according to customary terms and conditions related to the acquired company's working capital and net debt. The impact of the acquisition on the Group balance sheet was immaterial and mainly related to the property, plant and equipment.

Acquisition of ErtelAlsop

During the fourth quarter of 2024, Ahlstrom acquired ErtelAlsop, a manufacturer of high-performance liquid depth filter media in the U.S., as part of a Filtration & Life Sciences business. The total cash flow impact of the transaction was EUR -27.2 million, which will be adjusted based on customary terms and conditions related to the acquired company's working capital and net debt. The impact on the Group's balance sheet was immaterial and was primarily related to property, plant and equipment, as well as goodwill and intangible assets.

Disposal of Aspa pulp mill

During the fourth quarter of 2024, Ahlstrom divested its Aspa pulp mill in Sweden to Sweden Timber. The agreement included the pulp mill and its operations. During the fourth quarter, prior to the sale, Ahlstrom recognized an impairment loss of EUR -46.3 million on property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets. The estimated purchase consideration was EUR 38.2 million and included customary terms and conditions related to the working capital and net debt of the disposed entity. The purchase consideration included a deferred payment component totaling EUR 6.8 million, of which EUR 3.5 million will be paid during the last quarter of 2025 and EUR 3.5 million during the last quarter of 2026. The deferred payment component of the purchase consideration has been discounted to its present value. The cash flow impact related to the transaction, including cash and cash equivalents disposed of, was EUR 23.1 million.

Acquisition of Ahlstrom in 2021 and subsequent redemption procedure

See section "Acquisition of Ahlstrom-Munksjö" on page 8 for information on redemption proceedings.

5. Segment information

Ahlstrom operates under the following three divisions and reporting segments:

Filtration & Life Sciences – Mission-critical air and liquid filtration applications and life science and medical solutions.

Food & Consumer Packaging – Solutions for improved food safety, product protecting, preservation, and bacteria prevention.

Protective Materials – Highly engineered materials for protecting every surface of the building, and specialty materials for electrotechnical and other industrial applications.

Other and eliminations include certain group and function costs, as well as Aspa market pulp mill until October 31, 2024, and certain other costs not used in the assessment of divisional performance.

Financial performance by division, EUR million Q1/2025	Food & Consumer Packaging	Filtration & Life Sciences	Protective Materials	Other and eliminations	Total
Net sales, external	289.3	197.8	251.4	0.9	739.4
Net sales, internal	10.6	2.0	3.7	-16.3	—
Net sales	299.9	199.9	255.1	-15.5	739.4
Comparable EBITDA	32.8	43.2	35.5	-3.9	107.6
IAC in EBITDA and management fee					-8.3
Depreciation, amortization and impairment					-45.1
Operating result					54.3
Operating working capital	92.1	109.8	134.4	-16.6	319.6

Financial performance by division, EUR million Q1/2024	Food & Consumer Packaging	Filtration & Life Sciences	Protective Materials	Other and eliminations	Total
Net sales, external	293.7	183.4	226.3	32.0	735.4
Net sales, internal	8.0	2.3	4.1	-14.4	—
Net sales	301.8	185.7	230.3	17.6	735.4
Comparable EBITDA	32.3	42.1	30.0	-6.3	98.1
IAC in EBITDA and management fee					-14.6
Depreciation, amortization and impairment					-45.3
Operating result					38.3
Operating working capital	107.1	104.8	112.0	-22.4	301.5

Segment information by quarter EUR million, or as indicated	Q1 2025	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024
Net sales					
Food & Consumer Packaging	299.9	290.0	308.7	323.3	301.8
Filtration & Life Sciences	199.9	185.1	182.0	197.2	185.7
Protective Materials	255.1	238.3	238.9	250.3	230.3
Other and eliminations	-15.5	-6.0	13.2	9.1	17.6
Total	739.4	707.4	742.7	779.8	735.4
Comparable EBITDA					
Food & Consumer Packaging	32.8	30.0	41.6	37.0	32.3
Filtration & Life Sciences	43.2	38.9	45.8	49.0	42.1
Protective Materials	35.5	34.6	36.5	31.6	30.0
Other and eliminations	-3.9	5.0	6.2	-3.3	-6.3
Total	107.6	108.5	130.2	114.3	98.1
Comparable EBITDA margin, %					
Food & Consumer Packaging	10.9	10.3	13.5	11.4	10.7
Filtration & Life Sciences	21.6	21.0	25.2	24.9	22.7
Protective Materials	13.9	14.5	15.3	12.6	13.0
Total	14.6	15.3	17.5	14.7	13.3
Operating working capital					
Food & Consumer Packaging	92.1	95.9	108.5	98.5	107.1
Filtration & Life Sciences	109.8	102.9	103.2	108.2	104.8
Protective Materials	134.4	116.3	97.3	103.1	112.0
Other and eliminations	-16.6	-31.3	-8.0	-10.6	-22.4
Total	319.6	283.8	301.0	299.2	301.5

6. Net sales by region

EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Europe	288.0	271.3	1,052.5
North America	268.2	268.4	1,243.7
South America	68.3	89.9	222.0
Asia-Pacific	103.1	96.2	405.7
Rest of the world	12.0	9.7	41.5
Total	739.4	735.4	2,965.4

7. Other operating expenses

EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Depreciation and amortization of fair value adjustments from business combinations (PPA)	-15.6	-15.7	-62.3
Impairment loss	—	—	-61.2
Other	-0.5	-0.7	-4.5
Total	-16.1	-16.4	-128.0

Of the impairment losses in 2024, EUR -46.3 million was related to the divested Aspa pulp mill and EUR -14.2 million to the closed Bousbecque plant.

8. Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

Changes in property, plant and equipment EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Carrying value at the beginning of period	1,115.0	1,135.0	1,135.0
Business combination	—	11.9	19.1
Additions	20.0	24.9	124.6
Disposals	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Business disposals	—	—	-36.9
Depreciation and impairment	-29.2	-30.2	-146.1
Translation differences and other changes	-14.1	2.9	19.3
Carrying value at the end of period	1,091.6	1,144.5	1,115.0

Changes in intangible assets EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Carrying value at the beginning of period	789.2	788.2	788.2
Business combination	—	—	12.1
Additions	7.0	12.1	42.5
Disposals	-0.2	—	-4.8
Amortization and impairment	-12.1	-10.9	-55.3
Translation differences and other changes	-5.5	-2.0	6.6
Carrying value at the end of period	778.5	787.4	789.2

9. Goodwill

EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Carrying value at the beginning of period	1,050.6	1,070.7	1,070.7
Business combination	—	—	6.3
Impairment	—	—	-27.3
Translation differences	0.4	2.5	0.9
Carrying value at the end of period	1,051.0	1,073.1	1,050.6

The impairment loss in 2024 was related to the Aspa pulp mill and was recognized prior to its divestment.

10. Financial assets and liabilities

Available committed facilities, nominal values and cash EUR million	Mar 31, 2025	Mar 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2024
Available committed bank overdrafts	21.8	17.4	22.1
Cash and cash equivalents	210.7	223.0	221.8
Committed revolving credit facilities	262.9	261.2	262.9
Finnish Commercial Paper program outstanding	-92.0	-87.5	-95.0
Available committed facilities and cash	403.3	414.1	411.8

Ahlstrom Oyj has a Finnish Commercial Paper program with the aggregate nominal amount of outstanding notes under this program limited to EUR 300 million. The notes are guaranteed by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oyj under a separate guarantee indemnity which was entered into by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oyj when the Finnish Commercial Paper program was entered into.

As at March 31, 2025, the Group's gross borrowings amounted to EUR 2,287.5 million (EUR 2,268.0 million at March 31, 2024 and EUR 2,332.7 million at December 31, 2024). Net indebtedness of EUR 2,076.8 million (EUR 2,045.0 million at March 31, 2024 and EUR 2,110.9 million at December 31, 2024) is derived from the gross borrowings minus cash and cash equivalents of EUR 210.7 million (EUR 223.0 million at March 31, 2024 and EUR 221.8 million at December 31, 2024).

Net indebtedness EUR million	Mar 31, 2025	Mar 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2024
Cash and cash equivalents	210.7	223.0	221.8
Senior secured credit facilities	1,480.7	1,479.1	1,500.1
Senior secured notes	618.9	615.2	628.9
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,889.0	1,871.3	1,907.2
Bank loans	48.4	39.0	51.1
Commercial papers	91.1	86.7	94.3
Lease liabilities	33.3	36.0	35.6
Other financial liabilities	15.1	12.0	22.7
Net indebtedness	2,076.8	2,045.0	2,110.9

Fair values of financial assets and liabilities EUR million	Mar 31, 2025		Mar 31, 2024		Dec 31, 2024		Level
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value	
Non-current financial liabilities measured at amortized cost¹							
Senior secured notes	618.9	622.5	615.2	602.4	628.9	632.0	1
Senior secured credit facilities	1,475.9	1,504.3	1,474.2	1,504.8 ²	1,495.1	1,532.4	2
Lease liabilities	21.0	21.0	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	2
Total	2,115.8	2,147.7	2,112.1	2,129.9	2,146.7	2,187.1	
Financial instruments measured at fair value							
Forward contracts – cash flow hedge accounting	2.4	2.4	-1.9	-1.9	-3.4	-3.4	2
Forward contracts – fair value through income statement	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3	2
Interest rate derivatives – fair value through income statement	8.8	8.8	29.1	29.1	13.8	13.8	1
Commodity swap contracts – cash flow hedge accounting	1.1	1.1	-23.2	-23.2	2.1	2.1	1
Total	12.4	12.4	3.9	3.9	12.8	12.8	

¹ The carrying values of the current financial liabilities measured at amortized costs, totaling EUR 171.7 million (EUR 155.8 million at March 31, 2024 and 186.0 at December 31, 2024), approximate their fair values.

² The fair value has been adjusted to reflect the additional funding agreement of EUR 75.0 million, which was drawn in July 2023.

The fair values of the senior secured notes have been estimated based on quoted market prices, including any accrued interest.

Nominal values of derivatives EUR million	Mar 31, 2025	Mar 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2024
Forward contracts - cash flow hedge accounting	217.0	250.7	307.6
Forward contracts - fair value through income statement	78.1	46.5	78.2
Interest rate derivatives - fair value through income statement	962.1	962.2	976.1
Commodity swap contracts - cash flow hedge accounting	11.6	35.0	13.2

See more information on financial assets and liabilities in Ahlstrom's consolidated financial statements for the year 2024, notes 16 and 18.

11. Provisions

Changes of provisions EUR million	Mar 31, 2025				Mar 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2024
	Environmental	Restructuring	Other	Total	Total	Total
Carrying value at the beginning of period	25.2	28.0	16.9	70.2	37.3	37.3
Business disposal	—	—	—	—	—	-0.7
Unwinding of discount	0.1	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.4
Provisions made during the year	0.2	—	2.1	2.3	2.3	45.2
Provisions used during the year	-0.1	-4.8	-2.4	-7.2	-2.0	-9.9
Provisions reversed	—	—	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-1.5
Translation differences	-0.3	—	0.2	-0.1	—	-0.7
Carrying value at the end of period	25.1	23.2	16.9	65.2	37.6	70.2
Non-current provisions				35.2	29.7	36.8
Current provisions				30.0	7.9	33.3

In 2024, a restructuring provision of EUR 25.3 million and an environmental provision of EUR 6.2 million were recognized for the closure of the Bousbecque plant.

12. Off-balance sheet commitments

EUR million	Mar 31, 2025	Mar 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2024
Assets pledged			
Pledges	242.3	243.1	243.0
Commitments			
Guarantees and commitments given on behalf of Group companies	57.7	38.1	53.6
Capital expenditure commitments	18.2	23.8	18.9
Other guarantees and commitments	62.9	74.4	70.9

See also page 8 for information on the redemption proceedings.

12. Related party transactions

See more information on Ahlstrom's related parties and employee and management remuneration in the consolidated financial statements for the year 2024. The Group conducts transactions with related parties on an arm's length basis.

Related party transactions EUR million	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Q1-Q4 2024
Associated companies			
Net sales	2.6	1.7	8.6
Other income	1.5	2.7	7.0
Cost of goods sold	-3.2	-16.4	-58.0
Interest income	0.2	0.3	0.1
Trade and other receivables	14.5	3.9	13.5
Loan receivables	10.0	10.0	10.0
Trade and other payables	11.4	6.3	9.2
Owners			
Sales, R&D and administrative expense	-1.6	-2.1	-6.4
Trade and other payables	0.2	0.2	0.2
Parent companies			
Return on equity	-8.9	-8.4	-33.5

APPENDIX 2: KEY FIGURES

Certain of our key figures are not accounting measures defined or specified under IFRS and therefore are considered as alternative performance measures. We present these alternative performance measures as additional information to the financial measures presented in the consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. Certain of the adjustments and estimates underlying e.g. Adjusted EBITDA are forward-looking by nature and therefore subject to a number of assumptions about the timing, execution and costs associated with implementing the underlying initiatives. Such assumptions are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic and competition risk and uncertainties as further described under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements".

We present alternative performance measures because we believe that they are helpful to investors as measures of our operating performance and ability to service our debt, and that they and similar measures are widely used by certain investors, securities analysts and other interested parties as supplemental measures of performance and liquidity. Alternative performance measures should not be viewed in isolation or as a substitute for revenue or net result for the period or any other performance or liquidity measures presented in our IFRS financial statements or any other generally accepted accounting principles or as a substitute to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities. Companies do not calculate alternative performance measures in a uniform way, and therefore Ahlstrom's alternative performance measures may not be comparable with similarly named measures presented by other companies. The alternative performance measures we present may also be defined differently than the corresponding terms under our debt financing arrangements.

Some of the limitations of these alternative performance measures are that:

- they do not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- they do not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary, to service interest or principal payments on our debt;
- they do not reflect any cash income taxes that we may be required to pay;
- they do not reflect the impact of earnings or charges resulting from certain matters we consider not to be indicative of our ongoing operations;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often need to be replaced in the future and EBITDA-based measures do not reflect any cash requirements that would be required for such replacements;
- they may include adjustments for non-cash items and not adjust for all items that impact cash flows;
- some of the items that we eliminate in calculating certain EBITDA-based measures reflect cash payments that were made, or will in the future be made; and
- other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.
- Net indebtedness as presented in this report is not necessarily calculated in the same manner in which net indebtedness is calculated for the purposes of determining the "Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio," the "Senior Secured Net Leverage Ratio," the "Total Net Leverage Ratio" or any other metric in accordance with the finance documents governing the Group's indebtedness.

Alternative performance measures are unaudited.

KEY FIGURES	Q1	Q1	Q1-Q4
EUR million, or as indicated	2025	2024	2024
Net sales	739.4	735.4	2,965.4
Operating result ¹	54.3	38.3	86.1
Operating result margin, % ¹	7.3	5.2	2.9
Net result ¹	7.8	-8.4	-122.6
EBITDA ¹	99.3	83.6	331.0
EBITDA margin, % ¹	13.4	11.4	11.2
Comparable EBITDA	107.6	98.1	451.2
Comparable EBITDA margin, %	14.6	13.3	15.2
Items affecting comparability in EBITDA and management fee	-8.3	-14.6	-120.2
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	528.5	506.2	513.9
Adjusted EBITDA margin (LTM), %	17.8	17.4	17.3
Comparable operating result	62.6	52.8	267.5
Comparable operating result margin, %	8.5	7.2	9.0
Items affecting comparability in Operating result	-8.3	-14.6	-181.4
MOVC/ton, EUR	1,126.7	902.7	986.7
MOVC margin, %	42.5	40.2	41.5
Interest expense (LTM)	-151.6	-155.8	-154.4
Free cash flow	90.2	74.2	348.4
Cash conversion, %	83.8	75.6	77.2
Employee benefit expenses	-153.1	-147.9	-612.4
Depreciation and amortization	-45.1	-45.3	-183.7
Impairment loss on tangible and intangible assets and goodwill	—	—	-61.2
Capital expenditure	35.6	39.5	161.9
Operating working capital	319.6	301.5	283.8
Ratio of adjusted Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	3.5	3.6	3.6
Ratio of adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	3.1	3.2	3.2
Ratio of adjusted EBITDA to interest expense	3.5	3.3	3.3
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,889.0	1,871.3	1,907.2
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness	1,646.8	1,629.1	1,665.0
Net indebtedness	2,076.8	2,045.0	2,110.9
Adjusted Net indebtedness	1,834.6	1,802.8	1,868.7

¹ In 2024, restructuring costs totaling EUR 35.8 million were recognized in connection with the closure of the Bousbecque plant.

Reconciliation of certain key performance measures	Q1	Q1	Q1-Q4
EUR million or as indicated	2025	2024	2024
Items affecting comparability			
Transaction costs	-0.1	-0.5	-5.5
Transformation costs	-2.4	-9.4	-10.1
Restructuring costs ¹	-2.2	-1.6	-54.9
Other ²	-2.1	-1.5	-43.2
Total items affecting comparability (IAC) in EBITDA	-6.8	-13.0	-113.8
Management fee to owners	-1.6	-1.6	-6.4
Total IAC in EBITDA and management fee	-8.3	-14.6	-120.2
Impairment loss on tangible and intangible assets and goodwill	—	—	-61.2
Total IAC in Operating result	-8.3	-14.6	-181.4
EBITDA and comparable EBITDA			
Operating result	54.3	38.3	86.1
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	45.1	45.3	244.8
EBITDA	99.3	83.6	331.0
Total IAC in EBITDA and management fee	8.3	14.6	120.2
Comparable EBITDA	107.6	98.1	451.2
Comparable operating result			
Operating result	54.3	38.3	86.1
Total IAC in Operating result	8.3	14.6	181.4
Comparable operating result	62.6	52.8	267.5
Free cash flow			
Comparable EBITDA	107.6	98.1	451.2
Maintenance capital expenditure	-17.5	-24.0	-102.7
Free cash flow	90.2	74.2	348.4
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness			
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,889.0	1,871.3	1,907.2
Escrow account related to minority squeeze-out liability	-242.2	-242.2	-242.2
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness	1,646.8	1,629.1	1,665.0
Adjusted Net indebtedness			
Net indebtedness	2,076.8	2,045.0	2,110.9
Escrow account related to minority squeeze-out liability	-242.2	-242.2	-242.2
Adjusted Net indebtedness	1,834.6	1,802.8	1,868.7

¹ In 2024, restructuring costs totaling EUR 35.8 million were recognized in connection with the closure of the Bousbecque plant.

² 2024 includes mainly losses from financial hedges incurred as a result of the exceptional natural gas market situation in Europe in the second half of 2022.

CALCULATION OF KEY FIGURES

Key figure	Definitions	Reason for use of the key figure
Operating result	Net result before taxes and net financial items	Operating result shows result generated by the operating activities excluding items related to financing and taxation.
Operating result margin, %	Operating result / net sales	
EBITDA	Operating result before depreciation, amortization and impairment	EBITDA indicates the profit generated from operations excluding items related to financing, taxation, depreciation and impairment.
EBITDA margin, %	EBITDA / net sales	EBITDA margin reflects the profitability of operations. It indicates what portion of revenue translates into EBITDA.
Comparable EBITDA	EBITDA excluding items affecting comparability in EBITDA and management fee to owners	Comparable EBITDA, comparable EBITDA margin, comparable operating result, and comparable operating result margin are presented in addition to EBITDA and operating result to reflect the underlying business performance and to enhance comparability from period to period. Ahlstrom believes that these comparable performance measures provide meaningful supplemental information by excluding items outside ordinary course of business, which reduce comparability between the periods.
Comparable EBITDA margin, %	Comparable EBITDA / net sales	
Comparable operating result	Operating result excluding items affecting comparability in EBITDA, impairment loss on tangible and intangible assets and goodwill and management fee to owners	
Comparable operating result margin, %	Comparable operating result / net sales	
Items affecting comparability in EBITDA	Material items outside ordinary course of business, such as gains and losses on business disposals, direct transaction costs related to business acquisitions, costs for closure of business operations and restructurings including redundancy payments, one-off items arising from purchase price allocation such as inventory fair value adjustments, compensation related to environmental damages arising from unexpected or rare events and other items including fines (such as VAT tax audit fines) or other similar stipulated payments and litigations	
Management fee to owners	Represents the fees paid to the owners pursuant to a management agreement whereby we have received general business consulting services; financial, managerial and operational advice; advisory and consulting services with respect to selection of advisors; advice in different fields; and financial and strategic planning and analysis	
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	Represents comparable EBITDA as adjusted for certain additional cost savings programs	
Adjusted EBITDA margin (LTM), %	Adjusted EBITDA / net sales	
MOVC/ton, EUR	Net sales minus variable costs of sales (excluding items affecting comparability) / sales tons	
MOVC margin, %	Net sales minus variable costs of sales (excluding items affecting comparability) / net sales	

Key figure	Definitions	Reason for use of the key figure
Interest expense (LTM)	Interest expenses on borrowings and leasing liabilities, excluding amortization of loan transaction costs	
Net indebtedness	Non-current and current borrowings and non-current and current lease liability less cash and cash equivalents	
Adjusted Net indebtedness	Net indebtedness minus escrow account related to minority interest squeeze-out liability	Indebtedness related key figures are indicators to measure the total external debt financing of Ahlstrom.
Net senior secured indebtedness	Senior Secured Notes and Senior Secured Term Facilities net of cash and cash equivalents	
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness	Net senior secured indebtedness minus escrow account related to minority interest squeeze-out liability	
Ratio of adjusted Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	Adjusted Net indebtedness / adjusted EBITDA	
Ratio of adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness / adjusted EBITDA	
Ratio of adjusted EBITDA to interest expense	Adjusted EBITDA (LTM) / interest expense (LTM)	
Capital expenditure	Purchases for property, plant and equipment and intangible assets as presented in the cash flow statement	Capital expenditure provides additional information of the cash flow needs of the operations.
Operating working capital	Inventories plus operative receivables before factoring less operating payables	
Free cash flow	Comparable EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure	
Cash conversion	Free cash flow divided by comparable EBITDA	